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THE COMMITTEE

APPOINTED BY THE

MEDICAL SOCIETY

OF

LONDON,

TO REVISE THEIR

LAWS,

DELIVER IN THE

FOLLOWING CODE,

AS APPROPRIATED TO THE

PLAN OF THE SOCIETY.

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INTRODUCTION.

1. NOTHING has contributed more to the advancement of ſcience, than the eſtabliſhment of literary ſocieties. Theſe excite a generous ardour in liberal minds, and raiſe even envy itſelf into uſeful emulation.

2. In that ſcience, which rational eſtimation has placed firſt in the ſcale of honour, the ſcience which propoſes the nobleſt object for its end, the preſervation and reſtoration of health; the improvements which have already reſulted from the formation of ſocieties, are well known to the medical world.

3. The principal part of our knowledge muſt be ever derived from comparing our own obſervations with thoſe of others. In this view the utility of ſocieties,

which afford an opportunity for the mutual communication of our thoughts, must be sufficiently apparent. ~~Deceased authors~~ books cannot solve all our difficulties, nor will the observations made in other ages and climates, hold always true in our own.

4. There are some circumstances peculiarly favourable to a rising society. Each member thinking the honour of the association in some measure dependent upon himself, is stimulated to the highest exertion of his powers; ~~unawed by the fame, and fearless of being eclipsed by the lustre of his predecessors, no damp is cast upon the vigour of that genius, which can alone produce great discoveries.~~ Rele

5. The intention of this society is to give ~~the~~ practitioners in ~~the healing art,~~ in medicine frequent opportunities of meeting together, and conferring with each other, concerning any difficult or uncommon cases which may have occurred; or communicating any new discoveries in medicine

cine which have been made, either at home or abroad.

6. ~~Medical~~ papers, which may tend to the advancement of the ſcience, will be received by the ſociety, and ſuch as may be deemed worthy of publication, carefully preſerved, until ſufficient matter for a volume ſhall be collected.

7. Many uſeful facts are loſt ~~from~~ the want of a proper opportunity of conveying them to the world; and though when conſidered ſeparately, they may not be of ſufficient importance to claim the attention of the publick, yet when a number of them are collected together, they may become highly deſerving of notice. To ſuch facts, when properly authenticated, the ſociety will always be particularly attentive.

8. In order to excite practitioners to bring thoſe talents to light, which would otherwiſe lie buried and uſeleſs to the community, the ſociety have reſolved to hold forth honorary rewards to thoſe who ſhall improve the medical art: and altho' this has not been hitherto attempted in theſe kingdoms, yet they hope that their

example may appear not altogether unworthy of imitation.

9. The ſociety has likewiſe founded a medical library, that its members may obtain an eaſy acceſs to the beſt ancient and modern authors.

10. The members of this ſociety have extended its foundation as much as poſſible. Wiſhing to riſe ſuperior to all low diſtinctions, they have endeavoured to render every perſon uſeful in that branch of the ſcience, to which he properly belongs.

11. Animated with theſe deſigns, the ſociety ſubmit their plan to the conſideration of the faculty in general, whoſe aſſiſtance is requeſted, in order to render it extenſively beneficial to mankind.

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CHAPTER I.

Of the different branches of the Society, and the qualifications of its Members.

1. THE ſociety ſhall conſiſt of ~~practitioners in~~ phyſick, ~~ſurgery~~, and ~~pharmacy~~, divided into fellows, correſponding members, and candidates.

2. The number of fellows ſhall be reſtricted to thirty in each branch of the profeſſion, ~~who alone ſhall direct the affairs of the ſociety, and be eligible into any office.~~

3. No perſon ſhall be eligible as a fellow, or candidate of this ſociety, unleſs ſettled in buſineſs in the city of London, or within ſeven miles of it.

4. No phyſician ſhall be eligible as a fellow, who does not produce a diploma, and teſtimonials of having ſtudied medicine regularly in ſome ~~reputable~~ univerſity,

5. No ſurgeon ſhall be eligible as a fellow, who has not been approved of by the court of examining ſurgeons.

~~6. Theſe rules ſhall not, however, prevent the ſociety from receiving perſons of acknowledged literary merit.~~

7. As ſoon as any of the diviſions of which the ſociety conſiſts, ſhall have thirty fellows, thoſe perſons who may deſire to become members of the ſociety, can be admitted only on the liſt of candidates.

8. Theſe candidates ſhall enjoy all the privileges of fellows, except that of voting in any queſtion which may come before the ſociety.

9. They ſhall pay the ſame fine on admiſſion, and the ſame annual ſubſcription with the fellows. But when elected into the liſt of fellows, they ſhall not be required to pay a ſecond admiſſion fine.

10. When any vacancy ſhall ~~ariſe~~ in the liſt of fellows, it ſhall be filled up by ballot from the candidates of that diſtinct branch of the ſociety, to which they belong.

11. This election ſhall be always made at

at the two general meetings of the ſociety, hereafter to be named.

12. No perſon ſhall be eligible as a correſponding member who reſides within ſeven miles of London. Nor ſhall any perſon be elected on that liſt, who ~~ſhall~~ not ~~have~~ delivered a memoir to the ſociety, which ſhall have received its approbation.

13. If any perſon who has been elected a correſponding member, ſhall come to reſide ~~in London, or~~ within ſeven miles of it, he ſhall, on paying his admiſſion fine, and ſigning the obligation, be admitted ~~as~~ a fellow, if the liſt on which he muſt ſtand ~~ſhould have a vacancy.~~ But if the liſt ſhould be full, ~~or any candidate on it,~~ he ſhall be ~~conſidered~~ as a candidate, without further ballot.

14. No perſon ſhall be eligible as a fellow, who is not of known merit in his profeſſion, unleſs he ſhall have exhibited to the ſociety ſatisfactory ſpecimens of his abilities.

15. No proprietor of any empyrical noſtrum ſhall be eligible into the ſociety.

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CHAPTER II.

Of the Election and Admission of Members.

1. Every person who desires to be admitted a member of the society, shall be recommended by three or more fellows on their personal knowledge, or from his being known to them by his ~~publications.~~ works.

2. ~~In the recommendation,~~ the profession, & place of abode, ~~and chief qualifications~~ of the person proposed for election shall be specified in the recommendation

3. ~~This~~ recommendation shall be delivered to one of the secretaries, and first read in the council, that they may be satisfied, that the person recommended ~~is desirous of becoming a member,~~ has been informed of the regulations of the society, and is eligible according to its statutes.

4. ~~The conditions last mentioned being complied with,~~ the recommendation shall be read at ~~the ensuing~~ an ordinary meeting of the

the ſociety, and directed to be hung up in the common meeting room for two ſucceeding ordinary meetings.

5. An abſtract of it, with the names of thoſe who recommended the candidate, ſhall be inſerted in the books of the ſociety, and read at each of theſe meetings.

6. On the laſt of theſe meetings the votes ſhall be taken by ballot, if twelve fellows of the ſociety be then preſent.

7. If ~~of the fellows who may be preſent, thoſe who ſhall ballot for the candidate be~~ double ~~the~~ number of ~~thoſe who ſhall~~ ballot ~~againſt him, he ſhall be declared duly elected.~~ fellows preſ in favor of candidate, he ſhall be decla duly elected

8. If it appear upon the ballot, ~~to be the ſenſe of the ſociety~~, that the perſon propoſed ~~ſhall~~ not be admitted a member, no notice thereof ſhall be taken in the minutes. can

9. The admiſſion of every perſon who ſhall be choſen a fellow or candidate, ſhall be at ſome ordinary meeting, when, after he has paid his admiſſion fine, he ſhall ſign the following obligation.

"We

" We whoſe names are hereunto ſub-
" ſcribed, promiſe that we will ~~to the~~
" ~~utmoſt of our power, promote the ho-~~
" ~~nour, and~~ obſerve the regulations of
" the Medical Society of London, as
" long as we ſhall continue members
" thereof."

10. The preſident ſhall then take him by the hand ſaying, *by the Medical Society of London*

" By the authority deligated to me, I
" admit you a fellow (or candidate) ~~of~~ the *reof*
" ~~Medical Society of London.~~"

Dale 11. Any perſon refuſing to ſign this obligation, ~~ſhall~~ not be received as a member of the ſociety.

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CHAPTER III.

Of the Payment of admiſſion Fines, Annual Contributions, &c.

1. Every perſon who ſhall be elected a fellow or candidate of this ſociety ſhall before

before his admiſſion pay the ſum of three guineas.

2. If any perſon ſhall neglect to pay his admiſſion fine within two months after being elected a fellow or candidate, his election ſhall be void, and he ſhall be rendered incapable of being propoſed again for the ſpace of one year, unleſs he has been prevented by illneſs, or other unavoidable accident.

3. Every fellow or candidate as long as he continues a member, ſhall pay to the ſociety, the annual ſum of one guinea ~~by two equal payments, viz. on the firſt of January and July.~~

4. A liſt of all perſons in arrear, ſhall be publickly read at the third meeting of the ſociety, after each of theſe days of payment, and lie upon the table for the peruſal of the members at all future meetings. } dele

5. No perſon ſhall have a vote ~~whilſt~~ in the ſociety in arrear ~~to the ſociety~~ one year month

6. If any member ſhall neglect the payment of the annual contribution for two years, he ſhall, at the end of two months after notice has been given him by the ſecretary, be ~~liable to expulſion from the ſociety.~~ expelled.

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7. If any member ſhall advance to the ſociety, the ſum of ten guineas above his admiſſion fine, and all arrears then due, he ſhall be ~~diſcharged~~ from all annual payments for the future.

8. No fine on admiſſion or annual contribution is expected from correſponding members.

CHAPTER IV.

Of the Officers, Council & Committees.

1. For the purpoſe of conducting with regularity the affairs of the ſociety, there ſhall be elected annually, a preſident, a treaſurer, a librarian, three ſecretaries, a council, and three committees.

2. This election ſhall be by ballot on the firſt of the two general meetings, viz the 18 of January.

3. At leaſt three days before the time of election, particular ſummonſes ſhall be ſent to every fellow, together with two printed liſts.

4. One of theſe liſts ſhall contain the name

name of every member, with marks affixed, ſhewing what office he has formerly held or now holds in the ſociety.

5. Such members likewiſe as are not eligible to any office, or to that only which they may hold at the time of election, ſhall be reſpectively diſtinguiſhed, to the end that no perſon may throw away his vote.

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6. The ſecond balloting liſt ſhall have the offices and places printed, with blank ſpaces left for the inſertion of the names of ſuch perſons as ſhall be thought beſt qualified to fill them.

7. At the beginning of the balloting liſt, the following recommendation ſhall be always printed.

"As the welfare of the ſociety de-
"pends in a great meaſure upon the
"election of proper perſons to fill theſe
"offices, it is earneſtly recommended to
"every member to be extremely cautious
"in ſelecting ~~none but ſuch~~ such as are well
"qualified to execute the truſt, and have
"the intereſt of the ſociety at heart."

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8. Every fellow who attends, ſhall firſt deliver his name to one of the ſecretaries attending

attending the ballot, and afterwards put ~~either~~ the ~~printed~~ liſt filled up, ~~or a written one if he chuſes it,~~ into the balloting glaſs.

9. The ſecretaries, together with the treaſurer ſhall take the utmoſt care to prevent any illegal vote from being received.

10. The ballot ſhall be opened at the hour of one, and cloſed half an hour ~~before three,~~ after which it ſhall be examined by the ſecretaries of the ſociety, ~~council, and committees,~~ together with two ſcrutineers ~~of the members preſent, drawn by lot~~ by the preſident, ~~out of the members~~

11. No liſt ſhall be rejected becauſe not intirely filled up; as it ſhews that the ~~fellow~~ who delivered it, ~~acted from knowledge~~; not chuſing to nominate perſons, with whom he was not acquainted ~~to any poſt, therefore wiſely ſubmited the reſt to the deciſion of the other members.~~ So far therefore as any liſt expreſſes the ſentiments of the member, it ſhall be admitted.

~~12. Should any liſt contain more names~~

~~to~~

to fill up any office, than the fellow had a right to insert; the irregular part only of such list shall be set aside, and the remaining part of it be taken as if no such mistake had existed.

13. No person shall be eligible at this election to any office, who shall be in arrear ~~to the society when the lists are ordered to be printed, which shall be done by the council, on the eighth day before the election.~~ one year six months

14. ~~In this election if any doubt or difficulty arise, in relation to the persons who shall have the majority of voices, votes or to the manner of voting, or whenever~~ there shall be an equality of ~~voices~~ votes in favour of different fellows, the same shall be determined by the ~~majority of the council of the preceding year then present.~~ President of the preceding year

15. ~~When~~ any vacancies happen in the intervals of the anniversary election, they shall be filled up in the manner above specified.

16. No person shall remain in any office, or place in the council, longer than three years. Nothing in this rule however,

however, ſhall preclude any member, who has enjoyed one office for the limited ſpace of time, from being elected to another.

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CHAPTER V.

Of the Preſident.

1. The preſident when preſent, ſhall take the chair at all meetings of the ſociety. ~~He ſhall be particularly attentive that no diſorderly proceedings be permitted~~. He ſhall regulate all debates, and prevent any from being proſecuted upon trivial ſubjects. He ſhall ſtate and put all queſtions, ~~according to the intention~~ of the ~~movers~~. He ſhall ſummon all extraordinary meetings of the ſociety, and enforce the execution of their ſtatutes.

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2. In the abſence of the preſident, the treaſurer, ~~or~~ librarian, ſhall preſide in the ſociety; and in their abſence, the ſenior member of the council or fellow of the ſociety who is preſent, ſhall ~~be preſident~~ for that meeting.

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3. All members ſhall pay implicit obedience to the preſident in the execution of his office.

4. The preſident ſhall only vote when the ſuffrages are equal.

5. The preſident whilſt in the chair ſhall be always covered, except when addreſſing himſelf to the whole ſociety. } Dele

CHAPTER VI.

Of the Treaſurer.

1. The money belonging to the ſociety ſhall be kept by the treaſurer.

2. He ſhall keep a regular account of all receipts and diſburſements; which ſhall be audited by the council at their meetings, immediately preceding the two general meetings of the ſociety.

3. He ſhall not expend any of the ſociety's money, but by order of a general meeting of the ſociety, or of the council, or preſident. } Dele

4. Every ſum of money, payable for the uſe of the ſociety, of ~~three~~ pounds or under, ſhall be paid by ~~a written or-~~

~~der of the president; and every ſum exceeding three pounds, ſhall be paid by~~ an order of the council, ſigned by the preſident and one of the ſecretaries; and if the ſum exceed ~~twelve~~ *ſix* pounds, it ſhall not be paid ~~until having been laid before the ſociety, it ſhall be approved of by them.~~ *without an order from the ſociety*

5. Whenever the council, or any five members of the ſociety, deſire to ſee the treaſurer's accounts, he ſhall produce them, and be at all times ready to pay to the ſociety any balance which may be in his hands.

CHAPTER VII.

Of the Librarian and Library.

1. The books ſhall be properly arranged, and each volume diſtinctly numbered. An alphabetical catalogue ſhall be kept of all the printed books, expreſſing the edition, place where printed, date, ſize, price, and number as it ſtands in the library. A ſeparate catalogue ſhall be kept of the manuſcripts, ranged under

under proper heads. Theſe catalogues ſhall be always open in the library for the inſpection of every member.

2. A paper ſhall be kept, wherein againſt each members name, the number of any book taken by him from the library, and the time when, ſhall be marked; and as ſoon as returned, a line ſhall be drawn thro' the number, in the preſence of the perſon who brings the book.

3. A printed paper ſhall be affixed to the inſide of each volume, containing the name of the ſociety, the number of the book, and an abſtract of the laws relative to the receiving and returning of books; and if ſuch book were preſented to the ſociety, the donor's name ſhall be ſubſcribed by the librarian.

4. The library ſhall be open at every meeting of the ſociety, council or committees.

5. The library ſhall be ~~always~~ open on Monday and Friday, between the hours of ten and twelve, when all books ſhall be ſent for and returned to the library.

6. Every member ſending for a book ſhall write down the title, ~~ſigning~~ and direct~~ing~~ it to the librarian of the Medical Society of London.

7. If a book when ſent for, be in the poſſeſſion of another member, an anſwer ſhall be returned, containing the name of the perſon who has it, and the time when it was taken out of the library.

8. No member ſhall have more than ~~one folio, two quarto's, four octavo's, or eight of ſmaller ſize~~ four volumes at a time in his poſſeſſion.

9. No member ſhall detain a pamphlet or duodecimo above one week; an octavo two weeks; a quarto three weeks; and a folio four weeks; after which period he ſhall be liable to a penalty of one, two, three or four ſhillings, in proportion to its ſize, for each week he ſhall detain it, provided ſuch penalty exceed not the value affixed to the book by the council.

10. No manuſcript ſhall be taken out of the library, without a written permiſſion from the council.

11. All new publications ſhall remain in the library for the ſpace of one, two,

three,

three, or four weeks, in proportion to their ſize, that the members ~~in general~~ may have an opportunity of inſpecting them.

12. A member who ſhall looſe, or in any way injure a book belonging to the ſociety, ſhall ~~be liable to~~ pay the full value, together with ſuch fine as the council ſhall think proper.

13. Any member ſhall have the liberty at all times of viſiting the library, and reading and taking extracts from ſuch books or manuſcripts, as he has previouſly applied for to the librarian or his deputy. dele

14. No member, the librarian or his deputy excepted, ſhall take down any book from its place.

15. All books ſhall be returned before the general meeting in ~~every~~ January, that the librarian on entering into his office, may ſee whether any are wanting. Every perſon neglecting to return a book at that time, ſhall forfeit one half of its value.

16. No books ſhall be purchaſed for

the uſe of the ſociety, but ſuch as treat of ~~medical~~ ſubjects.

17. As expending the money of the ſociety properly is of the utmoſt conſequence, the recommendation to purchaſe any book, ſhall be ſigned by three members, and firſt read in the council, and afterwards on two ſucceſſive nights in the ſociety.

18. For any book above three guineas in value, ~~twenty~~ fellows; and above ten guineas, ~~thirty~~ fellows muſt be preſent before a ballot can be taken.

19. No book ſhall be purchaſed unleſs ~~the number of thoſe who ballot in its favour, be twice as great as of thoſe who ballot againſt it.~~ two thirds of the fellows ballot in its favour.

CHAPTER VIII.

Of the Secretaries.

1. All ~~medical~~ papers intended for the uſe of the ſociety, ſhall be tranſmitted to one of the ſecretaries, who ſhall deliver them to the committee, to whoſe inſpection

inſpection they are referred by the laws of the ſociety.

2. The ſecretaries ſhall take an exact account of all the tranſactions of the ſociety ~~at every meeting.~~

3. They ſhall read the minutes of the former meeting, and alſo any papers which have been referred by ~~the~~ committees ~~to the ſociety.~~ any

4. They ſhall preſerve carefully the books relative to the tranſactions of the ſociety, and alſo all papers committed to their charge. Theſe they ſhall arrange in proper order, and have ready for the inſpection of the ſociety at all meetings.

5. They ſhall be exact in marking the time when any paper ~~on a medical ſubject is~~ delivered to them, that no perſon may be robbed of the title to a new thought or diſcovery, ~~by firſt communicating it to the ſociety.~~

6. One of the ſecretaries ſhall immediately after every election of a member, ſend notice thereof to the perſon elected, with a copy of the law concerning ~~their~~ admiſſion of members.

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7. Upon the election of any correſpondent member, a letter ſhall be ſent him by one of the ſecretaries, informing them of the ſame, and acquainting him, that the ſociety hope he will from time to time, favour them with an account of ſuch matters as may come within his knowledge, that may tend to the elucidadation or improvement of any of the branches of medicine.

CHAPTER IX.

Of the Council.

1. The council ſhall conſiſt of the officers of the ſociety, with three phyſicians, three ſurgeons, and three apothecaries, ~~elected by the ſociety.~~

2. The council ſhall chuſe a chairman and ſecretary out of their own members.

3. The officers of the ſociety ſhall be incapable of preſiding in it.

4. The council ſhall meet on Tueſdays alternately with the ſociety, and have a power of adjourning themſelves to any

any future day at pleaſure, giving written notice of ſuch adjournment to every member.

5. An extraordinary meeting of the council may be held at any time, by an order of the preſident of the ſociety; one of the ſecretaries giving notice of the meeting to every member.

6. On the ordinary nights of meeting, three members ſhall be empowered to tranſact buſineſs. But at other times, the preſence of five members ſhall be requiſite

7. All tranſactions of the ſociety, ~~the permiſſion to read~~ medical papers alone excepted, ſhall previouſly paſs thro' the council.

8. The council ſhall have no power to make new regulations, but ſhall always refer them to the general meetings of the ſociety, appointed for that purpoſe.

9. The council ſhall receive queſtions relating to medicine, and ſhall lay ſuch before the ſociety, as they ſhall deem worthy of its notice.

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CHAPTER X.

Of the Committees.

1. There ſhall be three committees, conſiſting of five fellows in each, to read and prepare for the inſpection of the ſociety, all ſuch medical diſſertations and papers, as ſhall be delivered to them.

2. The firſt ſhall conſiſt of phyſicians, to whom ſhall be referred, all ~~memoirs,~~ *hiſtory* &c. relating to the theory and practice of phyſick.

3. The ſecond ſhall conſiſt of ſurgeons, to whom ſhall be committed all papers concerning anatomy and ſurgery.

4. The third ſhall conſiſt of ~~chymiſts and~~ apothecaries, to whom ſhall be delivered all diſſertations on chymiſtry, pharmacy and drugs.

5. Theſe committees ſhall meet every Tueſday at the hour of ſix in the evening.

6. They ſhall chuſe a chairman and

ſecretary

ſecretary from their own number, and in their abſence, any member preſent may be choſen to officiate for that meeting.

7. Each committee ſhall record the minutes of their proceedings, in a book ſet apart for that purpoſe, which ſhall be ~~reported~~ to the ſociety at their next meeting *if required*. *read*

8. Theſe committees ſhall lay before the ſociety, ſuch memoirs, papers, &c. as they may judge worthy of communication, and no diſſertation ſhall be read before the ſociety, until it ſhall have paſſed through the committee to which it properly belongs.

9. Theſe committees ſhall have a power to ſuppreſs the whole, or any part of a paper, which they may judge improper to be laid before the ſociety, *previously acquainting the author or his correſpondent therewith.*

10. The particular time, at which any paper has been preſented to them, ſhall be marked upon it by the ſecretary, and ſigned by the chairman of the committee. *date*

11. Any of the committees may aſk a conference with one or both of the other

other committees, in order to judge of papers, which treat of mixed ſubjects.

12. Any fellow who chuſes to attend ſhall have an equal right to vote or deliver his ſentiments, with thoſe who are appointed of the committee.

CHAPTER XI.

Of the Ordinary Meetings of the Society.

1. The ſociety ſhall meet on every ~~alternate~~ after Tueſday, at the hour of ſeven in the evening.

2. The book of regulations ſhall lie on the table before the preſident at all meetings.

3. When ſix fellows ſhall be preſent, they may proceed to buſineſs; except in thoſe particular caſes, in which the preſence of a greater number is required by the regulations.

4. Buſineſs ſhall begin by reading the liſt of viſitors, and afterwards the minutes of the preceding meeting: but no part of theſe minutes ſhall be diſcuſſed

cuſſed until the whole has been read over.

5. Such parts of the minutes as ſhall not be objected to on the ſecond reading of them, article by article, ſhall ſtand confirmed, and be ſubſcribed by the preſident.

6. Propoſitions connected with theſe minutes, or thoſe of former meetings, may be entered upon and conſidered, or referr'd to the council. } dele

7. The minutes of the council ſhall be read twice in a ſimilar manner.

9 / 8. Medical intelligence, or extracts of letters, may be laid before the ſociety.

8 / 9. Recommendations of perſons deſirous of entering into the ſociety ſhall be read, And rep J

10. A ballot ſhall be taken for thoſe perſons who have been propoſed at the two preceding meetings.

11. The minutes of the committees ſhall be read, and ſuch papers as have been by them referred to the conſideration of the ſociety.

12. No new buſineſs ſhall be entered on after ~~the hour of nine~~. eight o'clock.

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CHAPTER XII.

Of the General Meetings.

1. There ſhall be two general meetings of the ſociety every year, for conſidering the ſtate of the ſociety, examining the books, ſettling the accounts, and for making ſuch alteration in, and additions to the regulations of the ſociety, as may be thought neceſſary.

2. At the firſt of theſe meetings, ſhall be elected the officers, council and committees for the year enſuing. Any vacancies which may have ~~ariſen~~ on the liſt of fellows ſhall be filled. And a member ſhall be nominated to deliver the annual ~~diſcourſe~~ the ſucceeding year.

3. This election ſhall begin at one o'clock and cloſe half an hour ~~before three.~~ after two

4. Any member who ſhall be choſen to give the annual ~~diſcourſe,~~ may decline it within the ſpace of one month after the election, on paying a fine of one guinea, and another ſhall be choſen in his room, at the next ordinary meeting

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5. Afterwards there ſhall be delivered ~~a diſcourſe~~ on the beſt means of improving the ſcience of medicine.

6. At the ſecond meeting, the honorary medals ſhall be conferred, according to the regulations ſpecified ~~by the ſociety~~.

7. At theſe meetings, the preſident ſhall requeſt each member to deliver to the council, at the end of every month, or as often as may be convenient, an account of the diſorders which have come under his notice, that a compleat hiſtory may be formed of the epidemic diſeaſes of London.

8. No ~~member~~ ſhall be propoſed, ~~elected, or admitted a member~~ at either of theſe meetings.

CHAPTER XIII.

Of the ~~Gold~~ Medals.

1. The ſociety reſolve to give ~~two~~ gold medals annually, ~~under the following regulations.~~

~~2. The firſt ſhall be given~~ to the author of the beſt diſſertation on a ſubject propoſed

to be for proposed by the society, which the learned of all countries shall be invited ~~to discuss.~~ as la.

fellow or candidate dates 3. No ~~member~~ of the society shall be capable of entering into competition for this ~~prize.~~ medal

4. Each dissertation shall be delivered to the secretary, written in a legible hand, in the Latin or English language, at least two months before the meeting for adjudging the medal.

5. With it shall be delivered a sealed packet, with some device on the outside, and within the author's name and ~~designation.~~ address

6. The same device shall be put upon the dissertation, that the society may know how to address the successful candidate.

7. There shall be a committee appointed by the society, for adjudging this medal; consisting of the council, to whom shall be joined, such other members as the society shall think proper; and their sentence shall be final.

8. No paper with the name of the author affixed, ~~will~~ can be received, in order that the committee may decide upon the merits of each,

each, without any knowledge of, or partiality for the author.

9. All the diſſertations, (the ſucceſsful one excepted,) ſhall be returned, if deſired, with the packets unopened, containing the names of the authors.

10. The ſecond medal ſhall be confined to the ~~members~~ of the ſociety, and ſhall be adjudged to the perſon, who ſhall have delivered to the ſociety, the beſt diſſertation on any medical ſubject during the preceding year.

11. For the purpoſe of deciding the medal, there ſhall be delivered to each member who attends, a liſt of all the papers which have been read in the ſociety, ~~ſince the adjudication of the former medal.~~ After the member has affixed an aſterick to the diſſertation which he eſteems moſt, he ſhall put the liſt into the balloting glaſs; and the medal ſhall be adjudged to the author, who ſhall have the greateſt number of ſuffrages.

12. Scrutators ſhall be appointed to examine theſe ballots, in the manner directed in the general election of officers, &c.

CHAPTER XIV.

Of the making and repealing of Regulations.

1. No new regulations ſhall be made, nor old ones repealed or altered, but at the two general meetings of the ſociety.

2. The making of new and altering of old regulations, ſhall be propoſed firſt in the council, and afterwards ~~being~~ read in the ſociety, at leaſt one month before the general meeting, they ſhall be hung up in the ſociety's room until that time, when the queſtion, whether ſuch propoſals be admitted or not, ſhall be determined by ballot.

3. If double the number of thoſe who ballot againſt any propoſed law, ſhould ballot in its favour, it ſhall be declared a law of the ſociety, inſerted among the ~~general or bye-laws, as may ſeem moſt proper, and ſigned by the preſident.~~

CHAPTER XV.

Of Papers for Publication.

1. All medical papers which have been read twice in the ſociety, ſhall be afterwards

wards referred to the conſideration of the council, to whom the determination of all queſtions concerning ~~the~~ publication~~s~~ ~~of papers~~ ſhall be referred.

2. ~~Every~~ member of the council ſhall have ~~each~~ diſſertation two days in his poſſeſſion.

3. Any member, through whoſe neglect the papers are detained, during the circulation, longer than the ſpecified time, ſhall pay one ſhilling for every ſix hours a paper is ſo kept.

4. Any member of the council, who ſhall lend a paper thus ſent to him, or ſuffer any perſon, that is not a member of the ſociety, to read it, ſhall for this offence, forfeit his office or place in the council, and never afterwards be eligible into any ~~place~~ in the ſociety.

5. After a paper ſhall have thus circulated thro' all the members of the council, letters ſhall be ſent to them by the ſecretary, requeſting their attendance on the next night of meeting, to ballot for the ſame.

6. At this meeting, the members preſent ſhall decide by ballot, whether the

paper ſhall be inſerted in the manuſcript books of the ſociety.

7. If this queſtion paſs in the affirmative, all further proceedings with reſpect to it ſhall be ſtopt.

8. But if the queſtion paſs in the negative, the council ſhall at ſome ſubſequent meeting, notice of which ſhall be previouſly given to all its members, proceed to decide alſo by ballot, whether ſuch paper ſhall be publiſhed.

9. If the deciſion be in favour of the paper, it ſhall ſtand for confirmation on the next night, when the determination ſhall be final.

10. No ballot ſhall be taken for the publication of any paper, unleſs nine members of the council are preſent. A majority of the meeting ſhall determine whether it ſhall or not be publiſhed. If a majority of the council determine againſt the publication of a paper, no entry thereof ſhall be made in the minutes.

11. In judging of a paper for publication, the council ſhall have a power to call in to their aſſiſtance, ~~at ſome future meeting,~~ other fellows of the ſociety, who

who are conſidered as well ſkilled in that particular branch of medicine, that may happen to be the ſubject of the paper.

12. Theſe perſons ſo called in, ſhall not exceed the number of three.

13. They ſhall give their opinions, and their votes ſhall be received, as to that paper only, equally with any member of the council.

14. If any member deſire that the paper may be read previous to the ballot, it ſhall be complied with.

15. If on the ballot, the number of votes for and againſt a paper be equal, the conſideration of it ſhall be adjourned to a future day; and if the votes be equal the ſecond time, the paper ſhall be rejected.

16. No paper ſhall be taken out of the poſſeſſion of the ſecretary, after it has been approved of for publication, nor ſhall any alterations be made in it, without the permiſſion of the council. Theſe alterations ſhall alſo go the ſame form of ballot as the original paper, and if conſiderable, muſt likewiſe be circulated among the members.

17. No member of the council ſhall vote, or be preſent when the propriety of publiſhing of any of his own papers is agitated.

18. The annual diſcourſe alone ſhall be exempt from this mode.

19. If any motion be made and ſeconded, for referring it to the conſideration of the council, a meeting of the council ſhall be called by ſpecial ſummonſes; where, after it ſhall have been circulated as ſpeedily as poſſible, it ſhall be read over deliberately, and if nine members be preſent, a ballot ſhall be taken, concerning the ~~expediency~~ of printing it. If the ~~opinion of the~~ majority be in its favour, it ~~may~~ be confirmed at the next meeting of the ſociety.

propriety shall

20. The member who delivers the diſcourſe, ſhall not be preſent at this meeting of the council.

21. Each member of the ſociety, who is not in arrear, ~~one year~~ ſhall receive gratis from the librarian, one copy of ſuch memoirs, as may be publiſhed from time to time, during his ~~remaining~~ in the ſociety.

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continuance

~~22. Any member who ſhall neglect to~~

~~ſend~~

ſend for a volume, until two months after its publication ſhall be elapſed, ſhall forfeit his right to it, unleſs the council, upon being made acquainted with the reaſon of ſuch delay, ſhall order the ſame to be delivered.

CHAPTER XVI.

Of Benefactions to the Society.

1. Every perſon who ſhall preſent any valuable gift to the ſociety, ſhall receive their thanks, and have his name regiſtered in the catalogue of benefactors, with an account of his donation.

2. Every benefactor, who ſhall preſent a ſum of money or gift to the value of five guineas, upon acceptance thereof by the ſociety, ſhall have the privilege of being preſent at all their ordinary meetings.

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CHAPTER XVII.

Of the Expulsion of Members.

1. Besides the causes of expulsion already mentioned, if any member publickly defame the society, attempt to defeat the end of its institution, conduct himself in such a manner, as to become a dishonour to it, or maliciously do any thing to its detriment, he shall be ~~liable to expulsion.~~ expelled

2. If any member advisedly persist in the breach of any law of the society, he shall be ~~liable to expulsion.~~ expelled.

3. If any member, having broken a law of the society, refuse to make such satisfaction as they may prescribe, he shall be ~~liable to expulsion.~~ expelled.

4. If to avoid making satisfaction for any offence, any member attempt to withdraw himself from the society, he shall be expelled.

5. Whenever from any of these causes, or from contumacious behaviour in the society, it shall appear to the council, that a member has deserved expulsion; special summonses shall be directed by them to

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be iſſued for the next meeting of the ſociety, ſpecifying the cauſe of complaint, and if twice as many fellows ballot againſt as for the offending party, he ſhall be expelled the ſociety.

6. The preſident ſhall then pronounce him expelled in theſe words:

" By the power delegated to me, I de-
" clare A. B. to be no longer a member of
" the Medical Society of London."

7. And ſhall at the ſame meeting make an entry thereof oppoſite to his name in the regiſter.

CHAPTER XVIII.

Of VISITORS.

1. Each member ſhall have the privilege of introducing two viſitors, at ~~every~~ any ordinary meeting of the ſociety.

2. Their names ſhall be entered in the viſitors liſt, and they ſhall be introduced into the ſociety before the minutes of the former meeting are read.

3. After the reading of the minutes, no viſitor ſhall be introduced, but by a particular order from the preſident.

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4. No perſon, ~~who is not~~ a member of the ſociety, ſhall be admitted to hear the annual diſcourſe, ~~except by~~ a written permiſſion from the preſident for that purpose

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5. The members ſhall have from the preſident as many tickets for the admiſſion of viſitors to hear the annual diſcourſe as the room can conveniently contain.

CHAPTER XIX.

GENERAL LAWS.

members

1. No ~~fellow~~ ſhall vote by proxy.

2. All queſtions, except thoſe already ſpecified, ſhall be determined by the majority of the fellows preſent.

3. No queſtion ſhall be put on any motion, unleſs the motion be ſeconded.

4. No reſolution, ~~except thoſe already mentioned as final,~~ ſhall be valid, until it ſhall have been approved of at two meetings.

5. When the determination of the ſociety is required on a queſtion, it ſhall be in the power of any fellow to demand, that it ſhall be taken by ballot.

6. No

6. No reſolutions which may be made at any meeting of the ſociety, ſhall be valid, unleſs ſix fellows be preſent. } dele

7. All fines ſhall be paid to the treaſurer, and applied to the general uſe of the ſociety.

8. Any perſon who intends to ſpeak in the ſociety, ſhall riſe up and addreſs himſelf to the preſident.

9. When two or more offer to ſpeak at the ſame time, the preſident ſhall determine, which of them ſhall ~~ſpeak firſt~~. declines this ſentence

10. On a motion being made and ſeconded, any fellow may demand the ſenſe of the ſociety being previouſly taken, whether ſuch queſtion ſhall be put.

11. All matters of complaint ſhall firſt be laid before the council, who ſhall bring ſuch only, as they cannot adjuſt, before the ſociety. by themſelves } ſee Ob. p. 9. 11°

12. The ſociety ſhall not be adjourned, until a motion be made and the queſtion put for that purpoſe. } dele

13. No member ſhall ſpeak more than twice upon any ſubject under conſideration, until all the members preſent

who choose to speak

~~had liberty to~~

ſent ſhall have delivered their ſentiments.

CHAPTER XX.

BYE LAWS.

1. Should any officer or member of the council be ſo forgetful of his duty, as to abuſe the extenſive powers entruſted with him, to the detriment of the ſociety and its members, the council on complaint made to them in writing, and ſigned by three members, ſhall order ſummonſes to be iſſued, ſpecifying the complaint, and requeſting the attendance of all the members at the next meeting, which ſhall have a power of finally determining the nature of the offence, and the ſteps neceſſary to be taken in conſequence of it.

2. No perſon ſhall take the chair when any complaint reſpecting himſelf is to be agitated.

3. The preſident ſhall have a diſcretionary power of calling any member to order; and if ſuch call be diſregarded,

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he ſhall be authorized to enjoin the diſobedient member to abſent himſelf from the ſociety, until his demerit ſhall be determined at the ſubſequent meeting.

4. As contradictions to a preſident muſt appear indecent, it is expected that he will interfere in any matter before the ſociety, no otherwiſe than to execute his office, that the dignity and impartiality of the character may not be leſſened by the paſſions or intereſts of the individual. And even where the preſiding member ſhall, for very urgent reaſons, think it incumbent on him to lay aſide this neceſſary decorum, he ſhall delay giving his opinion upon any ſubject under debate, until ſuch members as are inclined to ſpeak, ſhall have delivered their ſentiments, that no perſon may be precluded from giving his opinion with freedom.

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